

2019 Zurich Classic of New Orleans Broadcast Window & Pre-Tournament Notes



Defending Champions - Billy Horschel & Scott Piercy

Defending Zurich Classic of New Orleans champions Billy Horschel and Scott Piercy entered the 2018 Zurich Classic ranked 100th and 70th respectively in the FedExCup standings and combined to move 110 positions in the standings. Billy Horschel made the biggest move of any player in the field, moving 67 positions from 100th to 33rd and Scott Piercy moved 43 positions from 70th to 27th, marking two of the top five biggest moves in the FedExCup standings at this event last season.

Biggest FedExCup Movers 2018 Zurich Classic of New Orleans

	Finish	Entering '18 Zurich	After '18 Zurich	Movement
Billy Horschel	WON	100th	33rd	+67
Charl Schwartzel	3 rd	176 th	124 th	+52
Scott Piercy	WON	70th	27th	+43
Jason Dufner	2 nd	111 th	69 th	+42
Daniel Summerhays	6 th	212 th	176 th	+36

Defending Zurich Classic Champions FedExCup Rankings Last Season

	Billy Horschel	Scott Piercy
Rank Entering Zurich	100 th	70 th
Rank After Zurich	33 rd	27 th
Final FEC Rank	5 th	68 th

Billy Horschel finished the season ranked 5th in the final FedExCup standings and Scott Piercy finished 68th in the final standings.

Last season, Billy Horschel, the 2014 FedExCup champion qualified for the TOUR Championship for the third time in his career and first time since winning the FedExCup title in 2014.

Scott Piercy qualified for the FedExCup Playoffs for the ninth season and advanced to the BMW Championship for the sixth time of his career.

Career FedExCup Finishes Defending Zurich Classic Champions

	Billy Horschel	Scott Piercy
2018	5th	68th
2017	42 nd	98 th
2016	50 th	37th
2015	66 th	22nd
2014	WON	--
2013	16th	49th
2012	143 rd	27th
2011	--	69th
2010	--	125 th
2009	--	88 th

FedExCup Notes

Qualifying for the FedExCup Playoffs in All 12 Seasons

	Current Rank
Matt Kuchar	1 st
Charles Howell III	9 th
Phil Mickelson	16 th
Justin Rose	17 th
Adam Scott	32 nd
Brandt Snedeker	38 th
Ryan Moore	39 th
Bubba Watson	52 nd
Charley Hoffman	55 th
Zach Johnson	106 th

Since 2007, 10 players have qualified for the FedExCup Playoffs in all 12 seasons. Currently, all 10 of these players are ranked inside the top 125 of the standings and four of the 10 rank inside the top 30.

Patrick Cantlay currently ranks 13th in the FedExCup standings and is the third highest ranked player in the standings without a win this season.

Highest Ranked Players in FedExCup without a Win This Season

	Current Rank
Gary Woodland	7 th
Justin Thomas	10 th
Patrick Cantlay	13 th
Sungjae Im	22 nd
Jon Rahm	23 rd
Si Woo Kim	24 th
Tony Finau	25 th
Jim Furyk	27 th
Jason Kokrak	29 th
Lucas Glover	30 th

Qualifying for TOUR Championship in Each of Last 5 PGA TOUR Seasons

	Current Rank
Dustin Johnson	5 th
Jason Day	31 st
Hideki Matsuyama	41 st
Patrick Reed	63rd

Patrick Reed is one of four players who have qualified for the TOUR Championship in each of the last five seasons on TOUR.

This season, 25 players have ranked inside the top 125 of the FedExCup standings in all 23 weeks, 11 have ranked inside the top 70 in every week and 2018 Safeway Open champion Kevin Tway is the only player to rank inside the top 30 of the standings in every week.

Players Ranked Inside Top 125, 70 & Top 30 FedExCup Standings Every Week This Season

	# of Players
Inside Top 125	25
Inside Top 70	11
Inside Top 30*	1

*Kevin Tway

**First-Time Winners
PGA TOUR This Season**

This season, there have been seven players who captured their first PGA TOUR victory. Since 1970, 19 players have made the Zurich Classic the site of their first TOUR victory (latest: Cameron Smith, 2017).

		Age	TOUR Starts
C.T. Pan	RBC Heritage	27	79 th
Corey Connors	Valero Texas Open	27	51 st
Keith Mitchell	The Honda Classic	27	40 th
Martin Trainer	Puerto Rico Open	27	11 th
Adam Long	Desert Classic	31	6 th
Cameron Champ	Sanderson Farms	23	9 th
Kevin Tway	Safeway Open	30	91 st

**Team Format
2019 Zurich Classic of New Orleans**

- The 72-hole stroke play format will feature Four-Ball (best ball) during the first and third rounds and Foursomes (alternate shot) during the second and fourth rounds. The starting field will consist of 80 teams (160 players).
- Following the conclusion of the second round, there will be a cut to the low 35 teams and ties at the 35th position. In case of a tie after 72 holes, there will be a sudden-death playoff using the Foursomes format for the first extra hole, Four-ball for the second extra hole and the alternating formats, thereafter, on a set rotation of holes.
- The Zurich Classic of New Orleans awards FedExCup points and official money and will count as an official victory for the members of the winning team. As such, both players will receive a two-year winner's exemption and an eligibility into Invitational fields, including the Sentry Tournament of Champions and THE PLAYERS Championship.
- FedExCup points and prize money will be awarded to teams making the cut based on combining every two positions from the distribution table for a standard TOUR event, with each team member receiving an equal share. For instance, the winning team will evenly split first and second place FedExCup points (500 for first and 300 for second for 800 total points, or 400 for each player). Official prize money will be distributed in the same manner.

Broadcast Window Notes

2019 Zurich Classic of New Orleans *(featured groups)*

Billy Horschel & Scott Piercy

Defending Zurich Classic champions Billy Horschel and Scott Piercy are set to make their ninth and 10th appearances respectively at the Zurich Classic.

Team Stats



Billy Horschel		Scott Piercy	
59 th	FedExCup Rank	33 rd	
41 st	World Golf Rank	85 th	
220	PGA TOUR Starts	277	
5	PGA TOUR Wins	4	
-0.240 (158 th)	SG: Off-the-Tee	+0.312 (47 th)	
+0.001 (T111)	SG: Approach-the-Green	+0.177 (T74)	
+0.020 (102 nd)	SG: Around-the-Green	-0.030 (T120)	
+0.410 (T39)	SG: Putting	+0.002 (107 th)	
+0.191 (96 th)	SG: Total	+0.462 (67 th)	
WON, 2013 & 2018	Best Zurich Finish	WON, 2018	



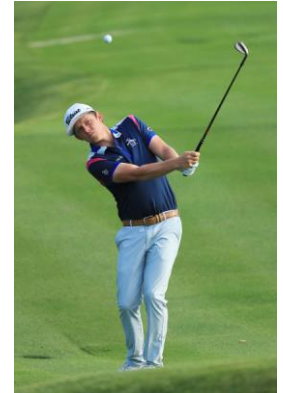
Jonas Blixt & Cameron Smith

2017 Zurich Classic champions Jonas Blixt and Cameron Smith are set to make their seventh and fourth appearances respectively at the Zurich Classic. Blixt currently ranks 118th in the FedExCup standings with two top-25 finishes in 15 starts this season. Cameron Smith currently ranks 60th in the FedExCup standings on the strength of three top 10s and six top-25 finishes.

Team Stats



Jonas Blixt		Cameron Smith	
118 th	FedExCup Rank	60 th	
301 st	World Golf Rank	30 th	
181	PGA TOUR Starts	100	
3	PGA TOUR Wins	1	
+0.008 (110 th)	SG: Off-the-Tee	-0.388 (185 th)	
+0.081 (95 th)	SG: Approach-the-Green	+0.372 (44 th)	
-0.208 (164 th)	SG: Around-the-Green	+0.376 (21 st)	
+0.249 (62 nd)	SG: Putting	+0.541 (22 nd)	
+0.130 (102 nd)	SG: Total	+0.902 (35 th)	
WON, 2017	Best Zurich Finish	WON, 2017	



Patrick Reed & Patrick Cantlay

Patrick Reed and Patrick Cantlay are set to make their sixth and third starts respectively at the Zurich Classic. Cantlay currently ranks 13th in the FedExCup standings on the strength of six top 10s and nine top-25 finishes. Cantlay is the third highest ranked player in the FedExCup standings without a win this season. Reed currently ranks 63rd in the FedExCup standings and is seeking to qualify for the TOUR Championship for the sixth consecutive season.

Team Stats



Patrick Cantlay		Patrick Reed
13 th	FedExCup Rank	63 rd
18 th	World Golf Rank	19 th
75	PGA TOUR Starts	190
1	PGA TOUR Wins	6
+0.540 (18 th)	SG: Off-the-Tee	-0.056 (126 th)
+0.519 (31 st)	SG: Approach-the-Green	-0.209 (152 nd)
+0.390 (19 th)	SG: Around-the-Green	+0.223 (45 th)
+0.297 (53 rd)	SG: Putting	+0.458 (30 th)
+1.746 (5 th)	SG: Total	+0.417 (74 th)
T7, 2018	Best Zurich Finish	T7, 2018



Henrik Stenson & Graeme McDowell

2013 FedExCup champion Henrik Stenson and Graeme McDowell are set to make their third and fifth Zurich Classic appearance respectively. Stenson currently ranks 128th in the FedExCup standings, his lowest rank at this point in a season since 2011. McDowell ranks 44th in the FedExCup standings, an 80-position improvement entering week #24 from last season (124th).

Team Stats



Henrik Stenson		Graeme McDowell
128 th	FedExCup Rank	44 th
40 th	World Golf Rank	114 th
194	PGA TOUR Starts	217
6	PGA TOUR Wins	4
-0.385 (184 th)	SG: Off-the-Tee	-0.314 (171 st)
+1.131 (3 rd)	SG: Approach-the-Green	-0.017 (117 th)
-0.293 (183 rd)	SG: Around-the-Green	+0.079 (80 th)
-0.131 (135 th)	SG: Putting	+0.758 (8 th)
+0.322 (81 st)	SG: Total	+0.507 (60 th)
T19, 2018	Best Zurich Finish	T15, 2006



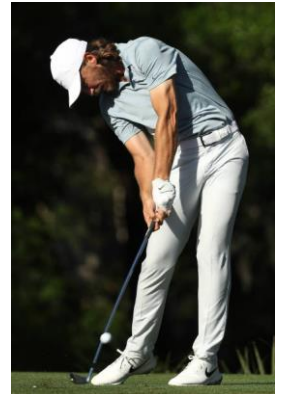
Sergio Garcia & Tommy Fleetwood

Sergio Garcia and Tommy Fleetwood are set to make their third and second Zurich Classic appearances. Garcia currently ranks 78th in the FedExCup and Fleetwood ranks 46th in the standings. Fleetwood is looking for his first PGA TOUR victory and

Team Stats



Sergio Garcia		Tommy Fleetwood
78 th	FedExCup Rank	46 th
29 th	World Golf Rank	16 th
345	PGA TOUR Starts	50
10	PGA TOUR Wins	0
+0.328 (45 th)	SG: Off-the-Tee	+0.912 (4 th)
+0.970 (7 th)	SG: Approach-the-Green	+0.410 (37 th)
-0.251 (T175)	SG: Around-the-Green	+0.382 (20 th)
+0.247 (63 rd)	SG: Putting	+0.065 (T94)
+1.295 (20 th)	SG: Total	+1.770 (4 th)
T70, 2010	Best Zurich Finish	T4, 2018



Active Consecutive Cuts Made Streak on TOUR

	# of Cuts Made
Rickie Fowler	19
Tommy Fleetwood	19
Jason Kokrak	19
Hideki Matsuyama	18

19 Consecutive Cuts Made: Rickie Fowler, Tommy Fleetwood and Jason Kokrak have each made their last 19 consecutive cuts, marking the longest active cuts made streak on the PGA TOUR.

Kyle Stanley & Tony Finau

Kyle Stanley and Tony Finau are set to make their sixth and fourth appearances at the Zurich Classic respectively.

Team Stats



Kyle Stanley		Tony Finau
110 th	FedExCup Rank	25 th
49 th	World Golf Rank	15 th
228	PGA TOUR Starts	131
2	PGA TOUR Wins	1
-0.167 (139 th)	SG: Off-the-Tee	+0.477 (24 th)
-0.179 (146 th)	SG: Approach-the-Green	+0.282 (61 st)
-0.096 (141 st)	SG: Around-the-Green	-0.051 (T126)
-0.690 (202 nd)	SG: Putting	+0.218 (67 th)
-1.132 (196 th)	SG: Total	+0.926 (33 rd)
3 rd , 2013	Best Zurich Finish	6 th , 2018



Jason Day & Adam Scott

Jason Day is set to make his seventh start at the Zurich Classic and Adam Scott is set to make his tournament debut at this event.

Team Stats



Jason Day		Adam Scott
31 st	FedExCup Rank	32 nd
14 th	World Golf Rank	28 th
241	PGA TOUR Starts	311
12	PGA TOUR Wins	13
+0.758 (5 th)	SG: Off-the-Tee	+0.361 (T40)
-0.029 (119 th)	SG: Approach-the-Green	+0.383 (T42)
+0.035 (96 th)	SG: Around-the-Green	-0.003 (109 th)
+0.868 (4 th)	SG: Putting	+0.680 (14 th)
+1.632 (7 th)	SG: Total	+1.422 (15 th)
T4, 2015	Best Zurich Finish	---



Jhonattan Vegas & Abraham Ancer

Jhonattan Vegas is set to make his fourth start and Abraham Ancer is set to make his third start at the Zurich Classic. Abraham Ancer currently ranks 51st in the FedExCup standings on the strength of two top 10s and six top-25 finishes and Vegas ranks 57th in the FedExCup on the strength of two top 10s and four top-25 finishes.

Team Stats



Jhonattan Vegas		Abraham Ancer
57 th	FedExCup Rank	51 st
79 th	World Golf Rank	61 st
202	PGA TOUR Starts	65
3	PGA TOUR Wins	0
+0.679 (9 th)	SG: Off-the-Tee	+0.627 (12 th)
+0.037 (102 nd)	SG: Approach-the-Green	+0.036 (103 rd)
+0.289 (32 nd)	SG: Around-the-Green	-0.104 (143 rd)
+0.010 (106 th)	SG: Putting	-0.093 (126 th)
+1.014 (29 th)	SG: Total	+0.466 (66 th)
T5, 2016	Best Zurich Finish	CUT, 2016 & 2018

